

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING**

**Call to Order:** by Chairman Dave Kasten, on January 19, 2007 at 8:02 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Mike Cooney, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. John Sinrud (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

##### **Staff Present:**

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary  
Nancy Hall, OBPP  
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 6, 1/3/2007; HB 8, 1/3/2007  
Executive Action: None.

**CONTINUED PRESENTATIONS ON HB 6 AND HB 8**

00:00:28 Rep. Kasten

**PRESENTATION ON FORT PECK TRIBES (D-4):**

00:00:33 Pam Smith, Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation (DNRC)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:00 Carl Fourstar, Fort Peck Water Users Association  
00:06:34 Robert Anderson, Fort Peck Water Users Association  
00:07:25 Mr. Fourstar  
00:08:29 Sharon Anderson, Self  
00:09:15 Sen. Frank Smith, SD 16, Poplar  
00:10:02 Matt Jergeson, Morrison-Maierly

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**PRESENTATION ON FORT PECK TRIBES (58 MAIN):**

00:13:49 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:26 Mr. Fourstar  
00:18:58 Mr. Anderson  
00:19:37 Craig Odenbach, Houston Engineering  
00:20:09 Ms. Anderson  
00:20:58 Sen. Smith  
00:21:13 Rep. Kasten  
00:22:21 Sen. Smith  
00:22:27 Mr. Fourstar  
00:23:03 Mr. Jergeson, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**PRESENTATION ON HYSHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT:**

00:25:11 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:15 Bart Icopini, Hysham Irrigation District

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:34:07 Rep. Kasten  
00:34:18 Mr. Icopini  
00:34:30 Rep. Kasten  
00:34:35 Mr. Icopini

**Further Proponents' Testimony on Hysham:**

00:36:01 Rep. Duane Ankney, HD 43, Colstrip

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:38 Sen. Barkus  
00:37:44 Mr. Icopini  
00:38:30 Sen. Barkus  
00:38:35 Mr. Icopini

**PRESENTATION ON SHERIDAN COUNTY:**

00:39:51 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:40:30 Doug Smith, Sheridan County  
00:45:25 Rep. Julie French, HD 36, Scobey  
00:46:38 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg, SD 18, Glasgow

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:39 Rep. Kasten  
00:48:17 Mr. Smith  
00:48:37 Rep. Kasten  
00:48:58 Mr. Smith  
00:49:14 Sen. Barkus  
00:49:42 Ms. Smith  
00:50:03 Rep. Kasten  
00:50:30 Sen. Barkus  
00:50:45 Mr. Smith

**PRESENTATION ON SIDNEY WATER USERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT:**

00:52:00 Bob Fischer, DNRC

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:53:31 Raymond Bell, Sidney Water Users Irrigation District  
00:58:11 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development  
Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**PRESENTATION ON MALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT:**

00:59:07 Mr. Fischer

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:00:07 Don Green, Malta Irrigation District  
01:00:58 Erling Juel, Thomas, Dean & Hoskins  
01:02:19 Wade Jones, Malta Irrigation District  
01:02:57 Max Maddox, Montana Water Resources Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**PRESENTATION ON MILK RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT JOINT  
BOARD OF CONTROL:**

01:04:25 Mr. Fischer

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:05:29 Kay Blatter, Milk River Irrigation

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:14:20 Rep. Kasten  
01:14:35 Mr. Blatter  
01:15:02 Rep. Kasten  
01:15:50 Mr. Blatter  
01:16:05 Rep. Kasten

**Further Proponents' Testimony:**

01:16:39 Mr. Juel  
01:19:11 Mr. Maddox  
01:20:56 Mr. Green

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:22:10 Sen. Barkus  
01:23:06 Mr. Juel  
01:27:54 Rep. Kasten  
01:28:07 Mr. Juel  
01:28:53 Mr. Blatter

**PRESENTATION ON CHESTER IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

01:31:18 Mr. Fischer

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:32:28 Ken Gagnon, Chester Irrigation Steering Committee  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a01\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a02\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a03\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a04\)](#)  
01:39:55 Leonard Streit, farmer  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a05\)](#)  
01:45:01 Sen. Jerry Black, SD 14, Shelby  
01:48:57 Mr. Juel  
01:51:29 Mr. Amestoy  
01:53:05 Mr. Maddox

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:55:45 Rep. Kasten  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a06\)](#)  
01:58:08 Sen. Barkus  
01:58:15 Sen. Black

**PRESENTATION ON GLACIER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

02:00:36 Mr. Fischer

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:01:46 Gloria Mason, Glacier County Conservation District  
02:04:05 Roger Zentzis, Marias River Watershed  
02:09:23 Sen. Black  
02:11:25 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation  
Districts

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:12:12 Sen. Barkus  
02:12:40 Mr. Zentzis  
02:14:10 Sen. Barkus  
02:14:18 Mr. Zentzis  
02:15:33 Sen. Barkus  
02:16:04 Mr. Zentzis  
02:16:46 Rep. Kasten  
02:16:53 Mr. Zentzis  
02:17:00 Rep. Kasten  
02:17:08 Mr. Zentzis

**PRESENTATION ON PONDERA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

02:18:29 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:19:42 Ramsey Offerdal, Pondera County Conservation District  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a07\)](#)  
02:21:20 Mr. Zentzis  
02:24:43 Ms. Carlson  
02:25:04 Sen. Black  
02:25:29 Jane Holzer, Montana Salinity Control

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:26:50 Rep. Kasten  
02:27:23 Mr. Zentzis  
02:28:06 Rep. Kasten  
02:28:25 Mr. Zentzis  
02:29:25 Rep. Kasten  
02:29:39 Mr. Zentzis  
02:29:56 Ms. Holzer  
02:30:51 Rep. Kasten  
02:31:12 Ms. Holzer  
02:31:24 Rep. Kasten  
02:31:41 Mr. Zentzis

**PRESENTATION ON TOWN OF SUNBURST**

02:33:15 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:33:57 Gary Iverson, Town of Sunburst Mayor

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a08\)](#)

02:41:43 Peter Norbeck, Montana Bureau of Mines

02:43:01 Sen. Black

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:43:55 Sen. Barkus

02:44:23 Mr. Iverson

02:44:41 Seb. Barkus

02:44:47 Mr. Iverson

02:45:03 Rep. Kasten

02:45:25 Mr. Iverson

02:46:00 Rep. Kasten

02:46:38 Mr. Norbeck

02:47:09 Rep. Kasten

02:47:18 Mr. Iverson

02:47:57 Rep. Kasten

02:48:09 Sen. Barkus

02:48:14 Sen. Black

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:49:04 Rep. Kasten

**Discussion:**

02:49:25 Rep. Kasten

02:50:04 Ms. Duncan

02:50:42 Rep. Kasten

02:50:49 Ms. Duncan

02:51:20 Rep. Kasten

02:51:24 Ms. Duncan

02:51:35 Sen. Barkus

02:51:46 Rep. Kasten

02:52:04 Ms. Duncan

**Additional Exhibits:**

Document distributed for committee business.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a09\)](#)

Document distributed pertaining to all projects within HB 6 and HB 8.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a10\)](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:52:50 Adjournment: 10:55 A.M.

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REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([jlh13aad.pdf](#))**